

In the Specification:

Please replace pages 47 through 67 of the Sequence Listing submitted on December 15, 1999 with newly submitted pages 47 through 66.

Please renumber the pages containing the claims and abstract accordingly.

REMARKS

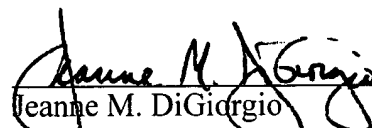
Responsive to the Examiner's Communication and the "Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures" dated November 17, 1999, Applicants have amended the Sequence Listing submitted on December 15, 1999 to correct for the identification of hydroxyproline in the sequences found in Figure 2 and the specification.

Further in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and (e), Applicants have submitted on even date herewith a computer readable form of the corrected sequence listing (diskette) which is identical in substance to the substitute pages 47-66 containing the corrected sequence listing submitted herewith.

No new matter has been added to the application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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